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Box Score

Stingy Defense Helps Pirates Claim 52-51 Win Over Young Harris

YOUNG HARRIS

ARMSTRONG STATE

51	Final	1	2	T	52
	YOUNG HARRIS (3-5, 0-1 PBC)	29	22	51	
	ARMSTRONG STATE (3-6, 1-1 PBC)	23	29	52	



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SAVANNAH, Ga. - The Armstrong State University women's basketball team held Young Harris College without a field goal over the last three and a half minutes to notch a hard-fought 52-51 Peach Belt Conference women's basketball victory on Thursday evening at Alumni Arena.

GAME LEADERS

YOUNG HARRIS

Pts: Peyton Robertson - 14

Reb: Shereese Williams - 9

Ast: 2 Players (#22, #42) - 1

ARMSTRONG STATE

The Pirates (3-6, 1-1 PBC) claimed their first PBC win of the season while Young Harris (3-5, 0-1 PBC) suffered the loss in its league opener. Armstrong will host North Georgia on Saturday at 1:30 p.m. in its final game of the 2014 calendar year.

Young Harris built a 10-3 lead at the outset, but the Pirates fought back to take a 17-15 lead late in the first half on a layup by freshman **Machala Raymonville** with 7:48 left until halftime. The Mountain Lions ended the half on a 10-4 run to build a 29-23 advantage at the break.

In the second half the Pirates started chipping away at the lead through the first five minutes, and eventually took its first lead of the second half on a three-pointer by Raymonville that made the score 39-38 with 10:43 remaining. After the lead changed hands twice, the Mountain Lions built a six-point lead, 50-44, with three and a half minutes remaining, on a layup by Kaycee Cash.

The Pirates started the comeback on a basket by sophomore **Brigitta Barta** on the next possession, then two free throws from junior **Shermika Harris** with 3:11 left cut the lead to two, 50-48. A layup by Barta one minute later tied the score at 50-all.

A free throw from Young Harris' Jada Williams put the Mountain Lions back ahead, 51-50, with 1:16 left, but Harris answered with a basket on the next possession to give Armstrong the one-point lead. Young Harris missed two shots in the final 41 seconds and the Pirates defended an inbounds pass from the Mountain Lions with six seconds left in regulation to prevent another try.

The Mountain Lions went 0-for-6 from the field with a turnover in the last three and a half minutes of play.

Armstrong was led by Barta's double-double of 13 points and 12 rebounds, while Harris junior **Amber Howell** each chipped in 10 points. Peyton Robertson led the Mountain Lions on the night with 14 points.



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Reb: Brigitta Barta - 12
Ast: 3 Players (#00, #05, #10) - 1

TEAM STATS		
YOUNG HARRIS	ARMSTRONG STATE	
(21-57)	Field Goals	(17-52)
36.8%	Field Goal %	32.7%
40	Rebounds	39
2	Assists	3
20	Turnovers	16
9	Pts off Turnovers	13
5	2nd Chance Pts	4
18	Pts in the Paint	16
0	Fastbreak Pts	6
20	Bench Pts	18
FULL STATS		



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